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For: PROCESS FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF A SUBSTANCE USING  
AN IN VITRO FUNCTIONAL TEST

**Request For One Month Extension Of Time And Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and include November 3, 2003 as November 1, 2003 fell on a Saturday. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached herewith to cover the one month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3). It is believed that no additional fees are necessary with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111****Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2003, please amend the above-application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.